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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: YAR CHEIF OF STAFF VISIT

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1. APPRECIATE CONCERNS OVER FUNDING AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL.
"PRIDE FACTOR" DISCUSSED IN PARA 3 IS CERTAINLY VALID POINT
WHICH WOULD PROBABLY CARRY WEIGHT WITH SOPHISTICATED ARAB
LEADER ACCUSTOMED TO US PROCEDURES. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER,
THAT IT WOULD BE LARGELY LOST ON OUR PROSPECTIVE YEMENI
GUESTS WHO REGARD AN INVITATION AS ALL-INCLUSIVE. THEIR
CONCEPT HAS BEEN FORMULATED NOT ONLY BY SOVIET LARGESSE BUT
ALSO BY PRACTICE AMONG OTHER ARAB STATES. TO BEST OF OUR
KNOWLEDGE SOVIETS, SAUDIS, EGYPTIANS AND OTHER HOSTS HAVE
FOOTED ENTIRE TRAVEL BILLS FOR ANY SENIOR YEMENI OFFICIALS
INVITED TO THEIR COUNTRIES. IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE
THAT AL-GHASHMI WOULD EXPECT ANY LESS FROM
THE UNITED STATES.

2. FYI, RECENT DOD VISITOR FROM JOINT STAFF HAS TOLD
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US THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS STILL PURSUING OPTIONS TO
BRING AL-GHASHMI AND PARTY TO US WITHOUT EXPENSE TO YARG.
WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL BEAR FRUIT. WE
RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT IN PURSUING THESE EFFORTS TOWARD
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION,, DOD MAY NEED SOME STATEMENT FROM
DEPARTMENT TO EFFECT THAT FREE TRAVEL FOR AL-GHASHMI AND
PARTY IS IN BEST INTERESTS OF USG. WE HOPE SUCH STATE-

MENT CAN BE FORTHCOMING, IF REQUIRED. END FYI.

3. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED ON PROGRESS OF DOD ENDEAVORS.
SHOULD THEY FAIL, THEN WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE WE WOULD
HAVE TO REQUEST USE OF IMET FUNDS, WHICH WOULD TRANSLATE
AT MOST TO TWO STUDENT SPACES IN US SERVICE SCHOOLS. I
AM CONVINCED THAT PROVISION OF TRANSPORT IS OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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